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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

FIREFIGHTING HELITANKER ARRIVAL

This is to inform your Honorable Board of the arrival of the S-64E Helitanker that is leased annually from Erickson Air-Crane, Inc. Due to the historic dry fuel conditions and fire weather, we have requested that this firefighting helicopter begin service one week earlier than usual. Operations out of the Department's Van Nuys Airport Tanker Base will begin on August 12, 2013.

As part of the renewal contract with Erickson Air-Crane, Inc., this is the first year of a Board approved three-year lease agreement for the seasonal use of the Helitanker.

The Department will monitor the fire activity, wildland fuel conditions, and weather forecasts in order to determine if this important firefighting resource will need to be extended past the 120-day lease period. I will keep your Board apprised of my actions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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